

The Bee.

Thursday Dec. 27th, 1877.

Office in Sanford & Hawley's Store.

THANKS.

Several of our friends have been kind enough to remember the Editor, in a substantial way. The presents, though undesired, were nevertheless very acceptable, and we hope that our friends who have endeavored to make a merry Christmas for the Editor, and succeeded so well, had for themselves a happy one. Of the number, at the present time of writing, who sent useful, and valuable articles, were Messrs. Sanford & Hawley, Dr. W. C. Wile, Mr. Brunson Buckley, Mr. Josiah Booth, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Beardsley, Mr. A. P. Smith, Mr. C. H. Peck, Mr. A. B. Prindle, Dr. F. N. Bennett, Mr. Wm. Botsford, one unknown, Mr. Griggs, Mr. Mort. B. Terrill, Misses Florence and Mamie Glover, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus C. Hawley, Aaron Sanford, Miss Ann Blackman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Northrop, Mrs. D. M. Reynolds, and Father McChattan. All of whom will please accept our sincerest thanks for these favors.

OUR ADVERTISERS.

At this period of the year it has been the custom of newspaper publishers to call the attention of their readers to the list of advertisers in their respective papers, and as we believe the practice a good one, and very just to our patrons, we will briefly note those who have honored the NEWTOWN BEE with their support.

The first we note upon the list is Mr. H. L. Wheeler, whose places of business are situated in Sandy Hook and Newtown village, the latter being in charge of Mr. Daniel Camp. Mr. Wheeler does an extensive business in furniture, tin ware, stoves, &c. Messrs. Sanford & Hawley have a large stock of goods, of every description usually found in a first class dry-goods and grocery store. Their holiday goods have been selected with care, and those desiring to make New Years' presents will find in their store articles just to suit. For a clean shave go to Charles Rinsland, who, with his gentlemanly assistant, is ever ready to attend to the wants of his patrons, either in his shop on West street or down in Sandy Hook. Charley keeps a fine assortment of cigars. The ladies will find at this establishment switches, curls, puffs, and other articles to adorn their hair. For a nice fitting suit of clothes you have but to call on Mr. Charles Jonas. He keeps on hand a full assortment of the best quality of cloths. L. B. Booth has a large stock of dry-goods, groceries, &c., which he offers to buyers at very low rates. Dr. R. N. Betts is ever ready to relieve you of troublesome teeth, and will furnish, at the most reasonable rates, a new set. Should you desire a handsome picture-frame, of any style or description, the doctor can furnish it. For anything in the blacksmithing line D. W. Snyder invites you to call on him, at his new and very complete shop, down in Sandy Hook. For meat, and other dainties that will keep away the pangs of hunger, drop in and see Mr. Minott Augur, at the bridge, and make your wants known. You will be attended to. If your house needs painting, outside or in, call on D. M. Reynolds, or Smith & Perkins, and we warrant you that they can, and will, suit you. For watches, jewelry, clocks, &c., give Sniffen, in Sandy Hook, and the store in the Newtown post-office a call.

Should our readers go out of town to purchase, and find themselves in Bridgeport, let them remember in purchasing hats, caps, and furs, the stores of Geo. W. Northrop, 313 Main street, and Perry, the latter, No. 5 Sterling Block. For boots and shoes look for the sign of the golden boot, and you find P. J. Devitt, 412 Main street. For clothing go to Foster, Dudley & Co's, who will show you bargains at 317 Main street. Geo. W. Barker & Co. have also a very large stock of well-made clothing, always on hand. W. L. Flynn has a fine assortment of holiday presents. Go and see them, at No. 339 Main street. T. Q. Couse, 48 Fairfield Ave., makes to order a perfect-fitting suit of clothes. Ladies can have their cloaks cut in the latest fashion. He keeps a full line of first-class goods. For a good picture of yourself or sweetheart, go to E. C. Betts, 356 Main street. N. Buckingham & Co., on Water street, have a very large stock of furniture, that they sell upon as reasonable terms as any other firm in the city. Try them. Go to the Opera-house restaurant, and see Capt. M. Kelly, and get a good breakfast, dinner and supper. His saloon is one of the best in the city, clean and neat, and prices reasonable. Before leaving Bridgeport visit the Union Granite Works of Wm. H. Ivers & Co., on Fairfield Ave., and see the splendid work that is done by them, and perchance you will see something that you want.

Those visiting Danbury will find music to cheer them at J. E. Morris's, No. 2 Opera House Block. For clothing, Hopp & Cohn will surely please you with a good fit of ready-made clothing, or make a suit to order for you. F. T. Haldin prides himself on the cut and make of the suits which he sells. He makes to order only, and has a good reputation as a first-rate tailor. For jewelry, Robinson's will be found about the most attractive place in Danbury. He keeps a splendid assortment of goods. L. S. Benedict & Son are the leading grocers, and they have an immense stock to select from. Andrews & Parsons the hardware merchants, do a large business, and you will do well to call and see them before purchasing elsewhere.

In Bethel, A. B. Lockwood, who has a branch shoe shop in Newtown, keeps always on hand a good assortment of boots and shoes. Eli Haid, the harness-maker, will attend to your wants in his line, and will give you your money's worth.

THE CENTRAL HOUSE AND ITS NEW PROPRIETOR.

For several weeks past it has been rumored in town, and vicinity, that Mr. Douglas Fairchild, the popular proprietor of the Central House, had sold out his interest, and had left town to take the Turner House, of Danbury, but, as nothing of the kind had actually occurred until Saturday last, we refrained from mentioning any of the rumors, or conjecturing any of the newspaper publications in these columns. Now that everything has been satisfactorily arranged, we are at liberty to speak of the changes that have taken place.

Mr. Geo. H. Browne, of New Haven, has bought out Mr. Fairchild's interest, and will in future have the management of this beautiful hotel and Summer resort, assisted by his amiable wife, both of whom are somewhat experienced in the business, having had charge of Branford Point House, last Summer, and we feel satisfied that the popularity of Mr. Browne, and his good management, will increase the reputation of this hotel, and attract many new, as well as the old patrons to it.

Mr. Michael J. Houlihan, who has for the past year been employed at this hotel, having charge of the livery, will in future attend to the duties of the bar-room. He is very popular, and in his new position will, we doubt not, perform his duties with fidelity to his employer, and acceptably to the public.

Mr. Douglas Fairchild left town Saturday, and will be found hereafter at the Turner House, the management of which he enters upon with the best wishes of a host of friends. Mr. Fairchild makes a whole-souled landlord, and his reputation as such is well-known. His management of the Central House was excellent, and the house at all times a marvel of neatness, kept so by the careful supervision of Mrs. Fairchild.

The Turner House is being put into the most perfect condition possible, and will with the many improvements recently made, present greater attractions than ever to the traveling public.

Mr. Watson Betts, who for a short time had charge of the Central House bar-room goes with Mr. Fairchild to the Turner House. Wait made many friends here, by his pleasant social deportment, and will no doubt make other friends in his new position.

We hope that the changes may prove advantageous to all parties, and while we part with Mr. Fairchild and wife with feelings of regret for their many kind offices to us, still we believe that the change is to them a very pleasant one.

The citizens of Newtown will assemble at the Central House Monday evening, at an appointed hour, headed by Judge Peters band, of Danbury, to give Mr. Geo. H. Browne a house warming. There will be dancing, and a grand supper. Tickets \$2. Don't forget it.

THE CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

Last Thursday evening Prof. Sedgwick gave, for the benefit of the Sunday-school scholars of the Congregational church, one of his excellent illuminated lectures, presenting a collection of views that were decidedly handsome, accompanied with a brief description of each picture. The church was not full, yet considering the distance that many who attended had to travel, the number present was large. At the close of the lecture Rev. Mr. Hoyt requested the audience to remain and witness the presentation of some gifts to members of the school, after which Santa Claus would visit the children, and make them each a present. Mr. Hoyt then presented the Superintendent, W. W. Perkins, a handsomely-bound book, the name of which we do not know at present. Mr. Perkins received it with many thanks and spoke very feelingly. Mr. Wm. Fairchild received a book of hymns, with thanks. Mr. M. S. Oute a pretty copy of the New Testament. Miss Carrie D. Watson was presented with a Bible and book of Psalms, the gospel of St. John to Miss Fanny Peck, a smaller edition to Mrs. Taylor, Mr. T. C. Croughly received a small pocket Bible. Each teacher was presented with a small book, containing a verse of scripture, printed in different languages. Miss Minnie Weed received a sum of money, in greenbacks, which, while being presented, created considerable merriment. Mr. Hoyt held up a bill, and said it was intended for Miss Minnie Weed, and requested her to come forward and get it. The young lady did so, bowed her thanks, and returned to her seat, when he again called her up, and handed out more money. She took this and retired, and was again recalled. This was repeated several times, until Mr. Hoyt folded the remainder, and handed it to her, Mr. Henry Weed, the father of the young lady, made a short speech, returning thanks in behalf of his daughter.

The audience then listened to a very cleverly-told Christmas story by Rev. Mr. Hoyt, for the benefit of the little folks, which seemed to please them all very much. Then the assemblage retired to the basement of the church, to await the coming of Santa Claus. The room was very much crowded, and Santa Claus had to pack them like sardines in a box, when passing from his hiding-place to the children.

The appearance of Santa Claus made the children laugh with delight, and as his many gifts were disposed of, the children were made very happy. When

Santa Claus blew his horn, and jingled his bells for his departure, a passage-way was cleared for him. He sprang for his hiding-place, and in his flight ran against a young "Bee" so suddenly that the young "Bee" almost lost his wings, through fright. For the instant we could not tell whether we had hold of an eel or a corkscrew. However, the whole entertainment was a success. The receipts at the door were \$21.

A PLEASANT PARTY.

A surprise party met at the house of Mr. Augustus Curtis, in Stratford, on Friday evening the 13th, inst., to celebrate the eightieth birthday of Mrs. Sarah Ann Curtis, widow of the late John Curtis, of Newtown. She is now living in Stratford, and is a remarkable lady of her age. Judging from the brightness of her eye, elasticity of her step, and the vigor of her intellect, one would hardly think that even sixty winters had passed over her head. The party, a select one, after having spent an hour or two in social conversation were invited into the dining room, where the table was spread loaded with delicacies and substantial to meet the wants of the inner man. After doing ample justice to the viands, they returned to the sitting room where the time was spent pleasantly until the time arrived to separate when all returned to their homes well pleased with their visit.—Standard.

A HANDSOME GIFT.

On Christmas day the members of Rev. Father McCartan's congregation presented this worthy and highly-respected prelate with a handsome gift of money, amounting to \$535. The Church edifice was filled to overflowing, and the services very interesting. This testimonial shows the love and respect which the people of St. Rosa's Parish have for their pastor, and it does them honor.

THE DONATION.

Rev. James Taylor, of the Methodist church, Sandy Hook, received a call from the members of his church and congregation, last Thursday evening. There were many present, and the occasion was one of much pleasure to all. Mr. Taylor was presented with a sum of money amounting to \$50.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Remember the hop, Monday night, at the Central House.

Dr. R. B. Brockway, of Chicago, arrived in town Monday evening.

Mrs. Laura Bennett, of Taunton, died Dec. 25th, aged 70 years.

The next half term of the academy begins Wednesday, Jan. 2d.

Mrs. Betsey Platt, of Hopewell, aged 89 years, 8 months, died last Saturday.

We cannot give a full list of arrivals in town; this week, but will note them next week if handed in.

A town meeting will be held next week from Saturday at the usual time of meeting in the afternoon. Don't forget it.

Prof. Sedgwick lectures in Brookfield to-night. He may give another entertainment in Newtown, about New Years.

There is to be a Christmas tree for the benefit of the Sunday school children, at Taunton chapel, this evening.

Mr. Charles H. Gay has had a new chimney built to, and a new roof laid on his house, within a few days.

Rev. James Taylor will occupy the pulpit of Rev. J. P. Hoyt, next Sunday. Mr. Hoyt will be absent on a visit to friends, for about one week.

The question, "Ought women to be allowed to vote?" will be discussed Friday evening, Dec. 28th, at Gray's Place school-house, Zoar.

There will be a concert given in Sanford's Hall this evening. The bills for the concert have been posted up for several days.

A target shoot took place at Rinsland's barber shop, Saturday night. One of a possible 60, Wm. Gray made 53. Edgar Burr 52, and Rinsland 51.

The new time table of the Housatonic railroad, printed by Van Rensselaer, Clark & Co., of New York, is a very handsome piece of work.

Justices of the Peace, Selectmen, Constables and Grand Jurors met in the town-clerk's office, January 5th, at 7 p. m.

The holidays will make some difference with us, regarding the publication of certain articles, which, for want of space we will have to lay over until another week.

There are many visitors in town spending the holidays with their friends. Some of our citizens have left town for a few days. We can but wish that they will have a jolly good time.

We omitted calling attention to the new advertisement of Mrs. Dr. T. W. Brown, last week. Our readers, by referring to it, will see that she offers them bargains, especially the ladies.

W. D. Watson, Agent at Danbury, visited his friends in Van Deusen's, last week. During his absence conductor Charles Rogers attended to the duties of the branch line.

Mrs. Edward Taylor, of the Sandy Hook Hotel, who has been quite sick, is much better, and regains her wanted health very fast, all which is very gratifying to her many friends.

Gov. Redstone, was treated rather meanly, last Saturday night, while in Sandy Hook. Some one put a diseased pig in his wagon. Come, go easy on the Governor.

The Christmas tree festival at Trinity church, to night, promises to be a grand affair. We cannot at present state the exact preparation that has been made, but must wait until next week to give the particulars.

Mr. D. H. Sherman has opened in Glover's Hall an establishment for the purpose of renovating feather beds and hair mattresses. See his advertisement in this issue, and give him a call.

Officer Jno. H. Blackman went over into Zoar and arrested the crazy woman who, for three months past, has wandered around the district, and took her to Bridgeport. She refused to give her name and residence.

Owing to the beautiful weather we notice that improvements are still going on. The most conspicuous among them is the painting of Z. S. Peck's horse-block, by Reibald, a German artist, the design being his own, and shows culture in the art of painting.

J. E. Morrill the popular music dealer, at Danbury, has on hand now and is constantly receiving new additions to his elegant stock of Pianos, Organs, and Melodeons. He has a fine collection of articles for holiday presents. Read his new advertisement.

Go to Hamlin's Art Gallery and see his fine collection of toys. Some of them are very amusing. Hamlin keeps a well-selected stock of goods, and besides the toys you will find books, pictures, frames and lots of other useful and ornamental things, at prices to suit the times.

Trinity church decoration services were held Christmas eve, at 7 o'clock, were very interesting, and the singing especially fine. The decorations of the church were beautiful, and the taste displayed in the arrangement of the greens reflected great credit to those having charge of it. Without doubt it was the prettiest that we ever saw in any church.

Mr. Henry Warner, of Taunton, has shown us some leaves, freshly picked from gooseberry bushes in his garden, also some dandelion flowers, found growing in his lot. These things are pleasant to look at now, but we fear that the warm weather for several weeks past will injure the prospects of fruit-growers, next year.

From the Daily Tribune, of Lawrence Kansas, dated Dec. 10th, we clip the following, which will be read with pleasure by the many friends of Mr. F. T. Botsford, who from still more recent accounts is now in Topeka. "F. T. Botsford, one of our former University students, and one of the handsomest and 'staidest' young men we know of, passed through Lawrence to-day on his way to Topeka, where he is in the law office of Hon. Jno. Martin. He received a very cordial welcome from his old friends in Lawrence. He has been visiting in the East for several months."

Mr. H. E. Couch, the well-known photographer of Danbury, took a picture of our humble self, cabinet size, just to see how we would appear in a frame, after which he presented us with three editions. Those who know us best, say that the pictures are perfect. We prize this gift very highly, and we feel quite certain that if our readers desire a real good picture that they will find that Mr. Couch is an excellent artist, one that can do his work in a manner to equal the best. Give him a call when visiting Danbury.

Messrs. Wm. H. Hoy, Charles Skidmore and Philo Clarke are building a walk on the street in which they live. It would be a good thing to build a plank walk, if none other from below the residence of Marcus C. Hawley, Esq., down to the walk laid by the above-named gentlemen. A plank walk is a good walk, and is about as cheap as any. How many will subscribe to help build one from Newtown street down to the bridge in Sandy Hook? Speak up, every one, at once.

Mr. Saml. Hawley, of Zoar, died Wednesday, Dec. 19th, and was buried last Saturday. The funeral being held at 2 o'clock, and the services conducted by Rev. F. W. Barnett. Mr. Hawley was a great sufferer, having twice been operated upon, yet being advanced in years all efforts to save his life were unavailing. Dr. W. C. Wile, his attending physician and surgeon, did all that human skill could do, and was unremitting in his attention to his patient. Mr. Hawley was a highly respected citizen, and the announcement of his death was received with deep regret by all who knew him.

Correspondence.

Yonkers Director of Newtown Library:

Your note of the 13th, acquainting me of the action taken at your last meeting, is received. I am somewhat at loss to know whether I should accept your kind invitation to act as your President, as my time is so much taken up with outside matters that I sometimes feel that I hardly reside among you; yet I do feel a deep interest in the prosperity of our town, and if you press this on me I will do what I can to push forward this enterprise, which is one that should meet the hearty approval of one and all.

With great respect,
Truly yours,
MARCUS C. HAWLEY.

Woodbury.

The Woodbury lock-up has been dedicated. Last Thursday night two tramps made application to Mr. Beardsley, our worthy first selectman, for lodgings suited to their exalted rank and condition, no doubt expecting the customary ticket of "soup for two," and lodgings, with feather beds and bolsters, under the hospitable roof of John, the poor-dweller; but their beauteous visions were destined to be disappointed, for the selectman immediately gave them a ticket to the hospitable shades of our new lock-

up, in which never tramp slept, consigning them to the benevolent care of keeper Ward, where they were regaled on water, crackers and cheese—a healthy diet, and one to be approved of by even a Good Templar's Lodge—and enjoyed such refreshing and quiet repose, and pleasant dreams, as are to be obtained by reclining on the soft side of a plank, and warmed by a good fire. Your reporter has not learned whether they enjoyed the accommodations of their new hotel; it is to be supposed, however, that they would like it as well as the friendly lee side of a hay-stack, even during the present exceptionally mild weather. After all we do not believe they will hanker after such provisions, after spending the whole day at a hundred doors in gormandizing. This event calls to mind a prophecy, made by lawyer Cothren, while advocating before the annual town meeting the proposition to build the lock-up; and that was, that it would be worth its cost as a place of safe keeping for the tramps during the night, and that if they were kept on a spare diet of bread and water, they would avoid our quiet valley in future, and lay their course around through Roxbury, when they made their Northern trips. It remains to be seen whether this opinion shall be verified. If one night's hospitality will not do it, several no doubt will. But to make assurance doubly sure it is suggested to the selectmen that they place within "the grates" a large placard, on which shall be written these warning words, viz: "Any tramp who shall find himself as a vagrant, and sentenced to hard labor in Litchfield jail." Then let the citizens, one and all, refuse to feed tramps, and direct them to the selectmen, who will send them to the lock-up, and I feel persuaded the good riddance, so devoutly prayed for by all, will be accomplished. I feel sure, that with such rigorous treatment, all tramps will be glad "to go round through Roxbury." Let it be thoroughly tried. Let the law against "sturdy beggars" be strictly enforced. They have become an enormous and dangerous nuisance, and heavy expense. No less than eleven tramps were lodged at the poorhouse in one night, a few days before the lock-up was finished.

Our friend Tyler, the Bex-fancier, moves on in the even tenor of his way, serving the public "to the top of his bent," giving full satisfaction to all patrons of his line, and that comprises nearly every person on it, as we judge from what we hear. It is rumored, that there is some one, who passes over a part of his route, who seems to think he is running an opposition to Tyler. He drives a one-horse conveyance. We do not recall his name, and it is rumored that he does not call himself by the same name all the time. It is said (I do not know how true it is) that he sometimes calls himself Tyler, and sometimes he answers to another name. Some funny scenes occur between him and our Geo. Tyler, "the original Jacob." As an instance of this, Redfield, or Redwood, saw a tableau and heard a dialogue a short time since, at the Newtown depot, which looked and sounded to him something like this: A lady (stepping from the cars) inquires for Tyler's stage; carryall man says, "I'm Mr. Tyler."—"That's a d—d lie!" says Sam Jebut, who is the driver of Tyler's stage for that day. LADY—"I have a letter that instructs me about this matter. The letter says, 'Tyler drives a two-horse stage, and stands by the platform. The other drives a one-horse team,' and stands out in the mud-hole." Now show me your letters, and I'll decide for myself." She decided, and the carryall man went sadly away by himself. He seemed to desire to be alone.

A pauper case, which involves a principle of great interest and general importance, has just been decided by the Court of Errors, sitting at New Haven. It arose in a town in this vicinity, and one of the counsel in it resides here. The name of the case is "Hiram E. Welton vs. Town of Wolcott." The facts proved on the trial of the case were as follows: "One William Brown, a pauper, belonging in the town of Morris, in Litchfield county, was temporarily residing in the town of Wolcott, in the family of Welton, and there came to want; of all which, one or the selectman of Wolcott had notice, before the necessities hereinafter mentioned were furnished by the plaintiff to said pauper. That the selectman aforesaid, when notified as aforesaid by the plaintiff, replied to him, that if he (the plaintiff) would furnish the said pauper with necessities, the town would pay him for them. There was no evidence that any other selectman of the town of Wolcott knew of the matter in question, or consented to the act of the said selectman; and it was found by the court that no contract to supply the said pauper with necessities, was made between the plaintiff and defendant, unless the foregoing facts amount to such a contract. The plaintiff furnished said pauper with necessities to the value of \$150.00." On the foregoing facts the plaintiff claimed that notice of the pauper's condition to one selectman, and a contract by him alone, was sufficient in law, and bound the town. The defendant claimed that no such contract was binding, unless made by a majority of the selectmen of the town. The court decided in favor of the defendant to recover his costs. The plaintiff took a writ of error to the December term of the Court of Errors at New Haven, where the case was fully argued by William Cothren, of Woodbury, for the plaintiff, and Webster & O'Neil of Waterbury, for the defendant. The court reversed the order of the court below, and granted the plaintiff a new trial.

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